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FOR NEA/EX AND NEA/ARP FOR AMB-DESIGNATE STERNER

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SUBJ: HOUSING

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B. STATE 70701

1. POST REQUESTS DEPT ADVISE ON WHEN IT WILL BE GIVEN GO AHEAD TO RENT STAFF APARTMENTS. WE REALIZE THIS DECISION LINKED WITH SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION, NEVERTHELESS, POST MUST HAVE AT LEAST SOME TIME FRAME GIVEN, OR IT CANNOT ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN HOUSE HUNTING.

2. IN REFTTEL B, DEPT REQUESTED POST TO SEEK OUT AND IDENTIFY SUITABLE STAFF HOUSING. IN TURN, AFTER EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH, POST WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY FOUR AVAILABLE APARTMENTS AND ONE POSSIBLE WHICH WOULD MEET OUR NEEDS. IN FIRST CAST, WE ASKED LANDLORD'S REP TO HOLD APARTMENTS FOR US AND HE AGREED TO OUR REQUEST, BUT NOW HE IS PRESSURING US FOR FIRM COMMITMENT. LANDLORD'S REP REQUESTS US TO EITHER GIVE HIM A DEFINITE ANSWER VERY SOON OR HE WILL BE FORCED BY LANDLORD TO RENT THEM TO OTHERS. THE SAME HOLDS TRUE OF THE THREE BEDROOM APT MENTIONED IN PARA FIVE OF REFTTEL A. THAT APARTMENT WHICH IS IN SAME BUILDING AS T HE EMBASSY WILL BE VACATED ON JUNE ONE, RPT JUNE ONE AND THE LANDLORD IS GIVING US FIRST OPTION, BUT WANTS TO KNOW OUR INTENTIONS ONE WAY OR T HE

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OTHER. IT CERTAINLY IS NOT FAIR NOR VERY BUSINESSLIKE IN A SELLERS'

MARKET FOR EMBASSY TO STRING THE LANDLORDS ALONG, REQUESTING THEM TO HOLD UP RELEASING THE APARTMENTS WEEK AFTER WEEK. HOWEVER, IF WE DID NOT NEGOTIATE IN THIS MANNER WE WOULD HAVE NO QUARTERS OPPORTUNITIES WHATSOEVER. WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT POST MUST BE GIVEN SOME TIME FRAME TO WORK FROM OR WE WILL END UP WITH NO HOUSING OR, AT BEST, SUB-STANDARD HOUSING FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF.

3. ALONG THE SAME LINES, THE QUESTION OF RENOVATING BRADLEY APARTMENT FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S SUITE AND OTHER OFFICES IS EQUALLY URGENT MATTER. AS DEPT AWARE, BRADLEY HAS BEEN EXTENDED AND AUTHORIZED R&R. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR POST TO GIVE BRADLEY R&R UNTIL HE HAS MOVED INTO NEW QUARTERS. THEREFORE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT DEPT AUTHORIZE POST IMMEDIATELY TO LEASE ONE APARTMENT SO THAT BRADLEYS CAN BE MOVED AND RENOVATION WORK CAN BE STARTED ON THEIR OLD APARTMENT.

4. IF WE NOT PREPARED RELOCATE BRADLEY NOW OR REFURBISH HIS APT FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICES, THEN DEPT SHOULD RECOGNIZE THERE NO WAY POST CAN ACCOMPLISH NECESSARY FIRST STEPS IN TRANSITION TO RESIDENT AMBASSADORIAL POST IN TIME FRAME ANTICIPATED. MOREOVER, UNLESS EARLY APPROVAL IS FORTHCOMING ON RENTAL OF OTHER APTS, THEN WE MUST POINT OUT THAT IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND SUITABLE HOUSING UNTIL LATE SUMMER OR EARLY FALL.

5. PLS ADVISE SOONEST.
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